

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
SOUTHEASTERN DIVISION**

MONTEZ R. WAYNE,

Petitioner,

v.

BILL STANGE,

Respondent.

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No. 1:23-CV-00053 RHH

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

This matter is before the Court upon its own motion. Petitioner has submitted an application for writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254. The petition is unsigned. Rule 2(c)(5) of the Rules Governing § 2254 cases in the United States District Courts requires that all § 2254 petitions be signed under penalty of perjury. As a result, the Court will order the Clerk to mail a copy of the application for writ to petitioner. Petitioner will be directed to sign and return the petition within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order.

Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Clerk shall mail to petitioner a copy of his application for writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that petitioner must sign and return the application for writ to the Court within **thirty (30) days of the date of this Order**.

Dated this 18th day of April, 2023.



RODNEY H. HOLMES
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE